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President's Comments

by William Harkins

2011 is shaping up to be another exciting year for New England Numismatist with five more National Parks quarters scheduled to be released. Also in March the United States Mint is planning to release the 2011 Native American $1 coin during a ceremonial launch at the Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth, Massachusetts. The coin features Sacagawea on the obverse, the reverse design depicts hands of the Supreme Sachem, Ousamequin Massasoit and Governor John Carver, symbolically offering the ceremonial peace pipe after the initiation of the first formal written peace alliance between the Wampanoag tribe and the European Settlers.

National coin week will be celebrated on the week of April 17th-23rd. This year's theme is "Blue, Grey and Greenbacks" the week long celebration of coins and currency will commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Civil War and the numismatic changes and innovations during the conflict. For more information on National coin week and special events in your area call 719-482-9814, email ncw@money.org or visit www.money.org .

Several of our clubs will be hosting events including the Boston Numismatic Society and the Currency Club of New England. On Monday April 11th,

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the clubs will host a joint meeting featuring three well known guest speakers including Anne Bentley, David M. Sundman and Q. David Bowers. Other regional events include the Mansfield Numismatic Society's Annual Coin and Paper money Show. Read further in this issue for more information on upcoming shows and events.

NENA'S 2011 Convention and Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with the New Hampshire Coin and Currency Expo on Saturday, July 30th. This year's program will include the John Kittredge Young Numismatist Program sponsored by NENA and the Kittredge Foundation. Other highlights of the Convention include Educational Presentations, Exhibits and our Annual Meeting. If you haven't visited our website lately please do. It has been updated with information pertaining to the Convention, Club listings and announcements including an invitation to hear Anne Bentley, David Sundman and Dave Bowers speak at a meeting in Waltham, Massachusetts on April 11th. The website also includes information on the 2011 ANA Summer Seminar Scholarship that is being offered in the memory of Jan Dyroff valued at up to $1000 towards tuition, room and board. For more information visit us at www.nenacoin.org.

We are currently seeking candidates for the position of Vice President and State Director for Maine. If you wish to serve this Association, in any capacity please write to: NENA, P.O. Box 2061, Woburn, MA 01888 or visit us on our website.

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An Evening with Anne Bentley, Dave Sundman and Dave Bowers

Monday, April 11

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The three presenters will be there to answer your questions, share their experiences, comment on the marketplace, perhaps predict or try to predict the future, and answer your questions. Come and be prepared to have a great time. You will meet:

Anne Bentley: Curator at the Massachusetts Historical Society, and custodian of some of America's greatest numismatic treasures, who last summer presented a highly-acclaimed program for the ANA. Author, writer, researcher. And, you probably know that, founded in 1791, the MHS is the oldest historical society in America.

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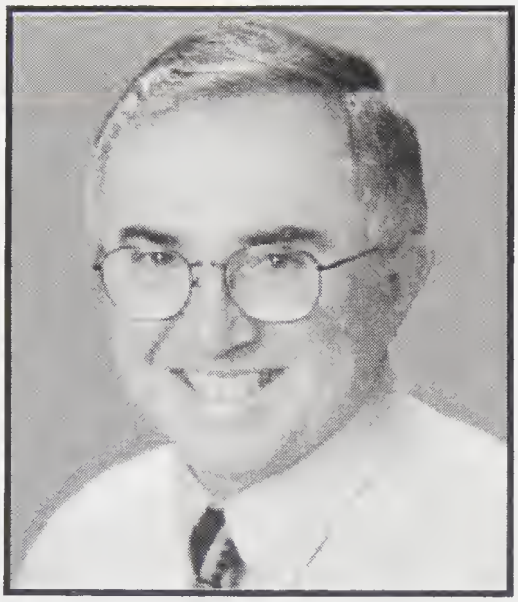

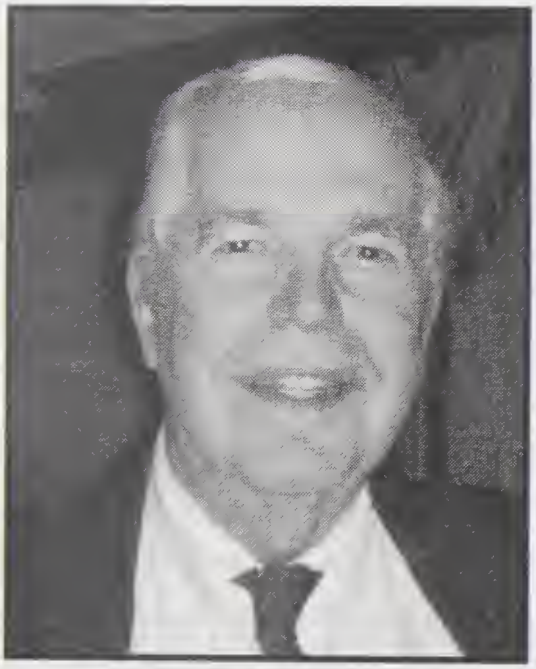

Q. David Bowers: Chairman emeritus of Stack's-Bowers Numismatics and numismatic director of Whitman Publishing, LLC, who began his dealership as a young teenager in 1853, and since that time has handled just about every rarity in the book and most of the major collections—Norweb, Eliasberg, Bass, and more. Dave is the author of over 50 books, a popular columnist, and past president of the ANA and PNG.

The program will be about an hour or so. Complimentary beverages and sweets await you, as do door prizes donated by Whitman Publishing. We look forward to seeing you!

The event begins at 7:15 in the church hall of the Trinity Congregational Church, 730 Main St. (Rt 20) Waltham, Massachusetts. You are cordially invited. If you are not a member of the sponsoring clubs, please reserve space for you and your friends by e-mailing John Ferreri at ccnenews@yahoo.com.

The Penny-Ha'penny Around the World

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Abstract

One of the more curious British denominations is the 1 1/2 pence coin, produced only under the reigns of Elizabeth I, William VI, and Victoria. Produced for circulation in England during the reign of Elizabeth I and for use in the colonies under William VI and Victoria, this denomination was sterling throughout its short history.

Elizabethan Age: 1561-82

During the reign of Elizabeth I the coinage was still exclusively silver and gold, at least in principle. Her father, Henry VIII, had debased the currency to the extent that he is still unfondly referred to as "old coppernose" by many numismatists. To finance his disastrous wars, Henry debased the silver currency severely. With wear, the coins of his later issues, with their front-facing portraits, showed copper first on the highest point, Henry's nose. Edward VI's regents, Edward Seymour, Duke of Somerset and John Dudley, Duke of Northumberland could do little to improve the looted economy, so some base issues continued. Mary I did bring the coinage up to the .925 sterling standard, although a few base pence were minted, apparently for use in Ireland. Several other base coins do exist, but they are listed in Spink's Standard Catalogue as "late 19th century fabrications". For all practical purposes, the coinage of Elizabeth I was of silver and gold only. She did have the mints take in the circulating base coins of

Edward's reign and countermark them at considerably lower denominations, so that they could continue to circulate usefully. Her own silver issues were sterling.

In the days of her father's reign pence, half-pence and even farthings were worth enough to permit their production and use in silver. Mary I, when she restored the sterling standard, did not mint anything smaller than the penny, so by the time of Elizabeth I's reign small coinage had become somewhat problematic. Her own pence tend to be very tiny and thin, and the 1/2 penny is no larger than the farthings of earlier reigns. The farthing itself, if struck in good sterling, had become unmanageably small. The solution was to mint a 3/4 farthing to allow change to be made for a farthing purchase. This also helped to prevent inflation, as farthings still were possible to use, if somewhat indirectly.

The 1 1/2 *d* coin continued the series, and also provided the necessary small change needed by the economy. (Figure 1) 3*d*, 6*d* and shilling coins completed the series in doubling value. (The italic *d* stands for denarius, Latin for penny.) Under Elizabeth I a particularly large number of denominations was minted. In silver, these were the familiar shilling, 6*d*, 3*d*, 1*d* and half-penny, as well

obverse *Figure 1* *reverse*

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as the 1 1/2 *d* and 3/4 *d* mentioned previously. In addition there was a groat of 4*d* and a 1/2 groat of 2*d*. To add to the fun there were also those countermarked base shillings of Edward VI. The shillings of Edward's second issue were countermarked with a portcullis and denominated 4 1/2 *d*, while those from his 3rd issue were denominated at half that and countermarked with a greyhound.

To illustrate how small and easily confused these coins are, figure 2 shows two pennies, a severely clipped one of Elizabeth and one of her successor, James I, as well as the 1 1/2 pence of Elizabeth. Weakly struck though this coin is, one can clearly make out the rose behind her head. This device was used on the sixpence, three pence, three halfpence and three farthings in order to allow people more easily to distinguish them from the shilling, groat, half-groat and penny. (Standard Catalogue) James I, Elizabeth's successor, met the continuing demand for an actual farthing coin by producing a series of them in copper. The penny ha'penny was an end. For a while.

Figure 2

1834-43

Ceylon

As far back as the reign of the founder of the Tudor dynasty, Henry VII, the Portuguese had been engaging in exploration and the founding of colonies. In 1505 they took possession of Ceylon, off the coast of India. That unhappy island had suffered constant strife since the 3rd century BCE, when the Tamils arrived.

In the 5th century BCE the Indo-European Sinhalese had arrived and peopled the island. The Tamils arrived in the next

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2011 ANA SUMMER SEMINAR SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED!

We are pleased to renew our scholarship to the 2011 A.N.A. Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs, CO. for an adult New England collector. There are two sessions from which to choose: June 26 ~ July 2 and July 3~ 9.

This year the scholarship will honor the memory of Jan Dyroff, longtime collector, author, BNS president and NENA historian.

The scholarship is valued at up to $1000 toward tuition, room and board, and the funds will be forwarded to A.N.A. early in the new year. A.N.A. members receive a reduced tuition rate. The balance of your expenses, including airfare, will be your responsibility.

Applicants should be paid up members of NENA or their local coin club and agree to do one (or more) of the following:

1. Commit to writing an article for NENA NEWS before the end of the year; this can be a report of your week at seminar;
2. Place an exhibit at the 2011 NENA Conference and Convention or at your local coin club show.
3. Make a numismatic presentation at your local coin club (including NENA) by the end of the year.

Applications should be mailed to:

ANA Scholarship
c/o Boston Numismatic Society
P O Box 281
Newtonville, MA 02460

and must be received by April 1, 2011. The winning application will be drawn at the April 12. 2011 meeting of the Boston Numismatic Society, and the winner notified shortly thereafter. In the event the winner is not able to attend, an alternate will also be drawn.

Applications should include name, address and phone number or e-mail address, and an indication of which commitment of the three you intend to fulfill. Applicants should also indicate which session they plan to attend, and the course they expect to take. (This information will be available from the ANA website: http://www.money.org.

We welcome this opportunity to share our love for the hobby, the ANA, and fellow New Englanders – and encourage your participation. Inquiries may be addressed to us at P O Box 1348, Wolfeboro, NH 03894, or to admiralord@juno.com.

Prue and Arthur Fitts

waves of immigration from India, over a time period from around the 3rd century BCE to 1200 AD. The Sinhalese were Buddhist and the Tamils Hindu. Those two groups spoke different languages. Instead of merging, they fought for centuries. By the time the Spanish arrived, bitterness had been piling up for almost two millennia.

Whatever the deficits of Colonial government were, the unwelcome European masters did usher in an era of peace. The Dutch took over in 1658, and in 1796 the British established their control of the island. It was declared to be a Crown Colony in 1802. In 1834 the 1 1/2 pence coin was first produced for colonies including Ceylon. In Ceylon it was valued as equal to 4 Dutch *stivers*. Although produced for the colonies, it had the appearance of a fully British coin. (Figure 3) Because of this, it has a claim on being a British mint issue. In addition to the issues of 1834-43, there were additional issues in the years 1860 and 1862.

obverse *Figure 3* *reverse*

The continuation of the story of this island is sad, but not entirely unpredictable. Ceylon won its independence in 1948 in the aftermath of WWII. In 1972 the name was changed to Sri Lanka, Sanskrit for "Resplendent Land. The rifts between the Sinhalese and Tamils widened, hardly surprising given the fact that the two groups had continued to cling to their different languages and religions. Simmering resentment built, and in 1983 the old hatreds erupted again, causing a civil war that went on for decades. The Tamil Tigers became infamous for their terrorist tactics and draconian rule in the areas they controlled. In May of 2009 the Sinhalese government finally overran the last of the Tamil Tigers'

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Jamaica

When the Spanish arrived in the 1490's, they found an island populated by communities of native Arawaks. Within about 75 years the Arawaks had been wiped out. The Spanish used Jamaica primarily as a base in further conquests. The British conquered the island in 1655, during the Protectorate of Oliver Cromwell. The strategic location of the island allowed the British to use it as a base in their struggles against the pirates that had become so numerous in the area. They shifted the island to a plantation economy based on sugar, utilizing huge numbers of slaves imported from Africa. It's a horrible irony that something as sweet as sugar meant such bitter oppression for such a vast number of people, but by 1834, toward the end of the reign of William IV, the economics of sugar had become considerably less sweet, and opposition to slavery had grown in England. Slavery was abolished in that year, and the remaining slaves now became small farmers cultivating their own land.

One of the things connected with the freeing of the slaves was their conversion to Christianity, something they took very seriously.This had unexpected consequences for the coinage. British attempts to provide base coins for small change were firmly rejected by the merchants, as the new freemen, by far the majority of the people on the island, would not accept them on the grounds that only coins of silver and gold had been mentioned in the Bible.[1] This left the mint with the same problem as had been seen under Elizabeth I: how to provide small change. Once again the 1 1/2 pence coin provided the answer, and was valued at 1/4th of a Spanish real. They were called quartiles, and immediately got

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the nickname of "Quattie", or "Christian quattie". This coin was also used in Trinidad and British Guiana.

William IV, seen in profile on the coin shown in figure 3, was a king nobody had expected. As the third son of George III, he had distant prospects for the throne, and had served for some years in the navy, where he had picked up the habit of using salty language, along with the nickname of "Silly Billy". Contrary to all expectations his brother Fredrick, Duke of York, who was second in line for the throne died of apparent cardio-vascular causes, leaving William now second in line. George IV, who had ascended the throne in 1820 after a long Regency, died ten years later, and Great Britain now had William, who had initially wanted to be crowned as Henry IX. When it was pointed out to him that this name had been adopted by one of the last sparks of the Jacobite rebellion, who had died as recently as 1807, he agreed to reign as William IV. Often a colorful character, he is said, at his first Parliament, to have looked triumphantly over the room and exclaim "Well! Who's Silly Billy now?!" knowing full well that that was the nickname used for him in the emerging press.

Victoria, seen in profile on the last of the 1 1/2 pence coins (Fig.4), was very glad to ascend the throne. Her mother, the Duchess of Kent, holds the rare distinction of being snobbish about the ruler of her land. She forbade Victoria from attending at court, deeming that the King, with his frequent use of salty language, was beneath her. William IV was aware of this, and took at least one occasion to insult the Duchess publicly at an event at which she was present. Now that Victoria's mother was also her subject, the problem was at an end.

obverse *Figure 4* *reverse*

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Figure 5 obverse

The penny-ha'penny continued to be minted for six more years, with two more issues occurring in 1860 and 1862, but after that the use of base metal for pence, halfpence and farthings became generally accepted, and the need for the "Christian quattie" was at an end. In addition to Jamaica, the coins were used in British Guiana and Trinidad, but not, apparently, in any other British possessions. The fact that the British penny at this time was itself a coin to be reckoned with is apparent in Figure 5. The Victoria Young Head penny is shown surrounded by its circulating fractions: half-penny, farthing, half-farthing, third-farthing and quarter-farthing. This last coin, equal in value to 1/16th of a penny. was, with the third-farthing, or 1/12th of a penny, used in Ceylon and Malta, but the point remains the same. There was considerable demand somewhere in the world for small change valued under one penny. This is a far cry from our own situation, in which even the half-penny has been abandoned with the third portrait, which began in 1985.

Figure 5 reverse

The size of these coins was not large. Figure 6 shows a young bust portraits of Victoria on the penny and 1 1/2 pence, and a draped head on the 2 pence.A dime is shown for size comparison.

Figure 6

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Acknowledgments

When one of my colleagues. William Harkins, knowing of my interest in the coins of England, gave me a group of them, I was delighted to see that one of them was a 1 1/2 pence of William IV. Instead of letting me pay him anything, he suggested that I publish a story on the subject. Other citations are listed below.

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(Footnotes)

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This is rather astonishing, given the number of bronze coins used in Israel and Judea, as well as the popular story of the Widow's Mite.)

The New England
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67th Conference & Annual Meeting

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Everyone has expertise in some collecting area, so if you are looking for a way to share this then exhibiting can be a wonderful way of doing it. NENA is always looking for people to set up and display an exhibit. If you have never set up an exhibit before notify NENA and we can help you. It is always a great learning experience.

For more information including rules and application see website (www.nenacoin.org) or request a hard copy by mail:
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Exhibit Rules and Application
New England Numismatic Association
67th Conference and Convention
Saturday, July 30th, 2011

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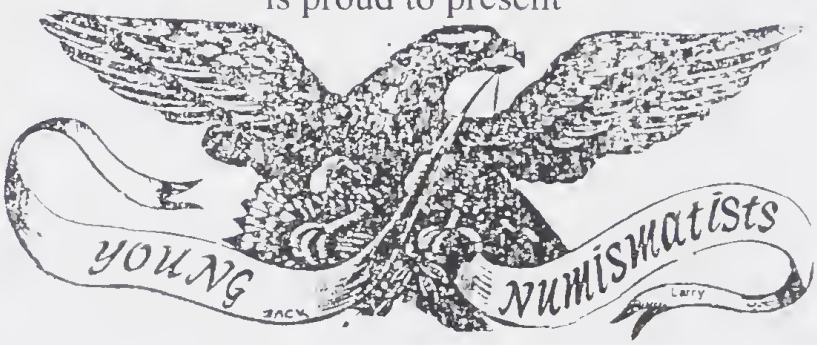

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The "Biggest" little coin and paper money show in New England. Prospect Street School Gymnasium, 233 Prospect Street at corner of High Street, Willimantic, CT - 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information Contact C. John Ferreri, PO Box 33, Storrs, CT 06268 - (860) 429-6970 or visit www.mansfieldnumismaticsociety.org

Manchester NH - July 29, 30 & 31, 2011

9th Annual New Hampshire Coin & Currency Expo, Friday, July 29 - 10AM to 7PM, Saturday, July 30 - 9AM to 7PM, Sunday, July 31 - 10AM to 4PM. Radisson Hotel, Downtown Manchester NH.
Contact: Ernie at EBW Promotions, LLC, P. O. Box 3, Wilmington, MA 01887, phone (978) 658-0160, fax (978) 657-7717 or at www.ebwpromotions.com

Every Month, Westford, MA - No show in March, Apr 23, May 22, June 26

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President's Comments

by William Harkins

On Saturday, July 30th, 2011 the New England Numismatic Association will hold their 67th, Convention and Annual Meeting in conjunction with the New Hampshire Coin and Currency Expo July 29-31. The event will be held at the Radisson Hotel/ Center of New Hampshire, 700 Elm Street, Manchester, NH. The New Hampshire Coin and Currency Expo is one of New England's largest coin shows with dealers from around the country. On Friday, July 29th, there will be a joint meeting of the Barber Coin Collector's Society and the Liberty Seated Collectors Club. There will also be a Coin Grading Seminar by Charles Browne. Saturday, July 30th, will be the New England Numismatic Association's Convention and Annual Meeting. This year's program will include the John Kittredge Young Numismatist Program sponsored by NENA and the Kittredge Foundation. Other highlights of the Convention include Educational Presentations, Exhibits and our Annual Meeting.

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We look forward to seeing our members so please visit the club table and say hello. This will also be a good time to view the exhibits and to pick up this year's medals. This year's medal design celebrates the 50th, Anniversary of the first American in space, New Hampshire's Allen B. Shepard, Jr.

Please plan on attending our Annual Meeting it is scheduled for 4:00 P.M. and is open to members and non-members alike. We will discuss annual business including a report from our Treasurer, present the Exhibit Awards and hold the elections for Officers. Nominations are accepted for all positions, we are especially in need of a State Director for Maine and would be grateful if someone could step forward to fill this position and represent our friends in Maine. We now meet via conference call to save on travel expenses and time and only meet about six times a year for an hour or so on Saturday mornings. If you wish to serve this Association, in any capacity please write to: NENA, P.O. Box 2061, Woburn, MA 01888 or visit us on our website.

If you haven't visited our website lately please do. Our website is continually being updated with information pertaining to the Convention, Club listings and announcements including upcoming shows and mint releases. For more information visit us at www.nenacoin.org.

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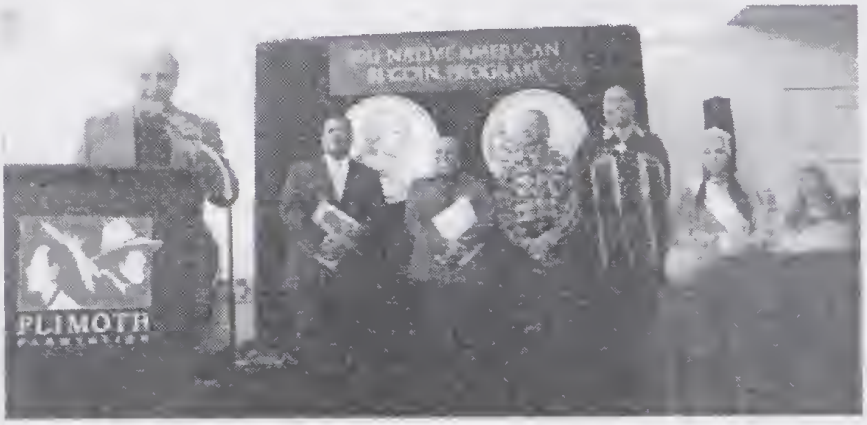
The Release of the 2011 Native American Dollar coin

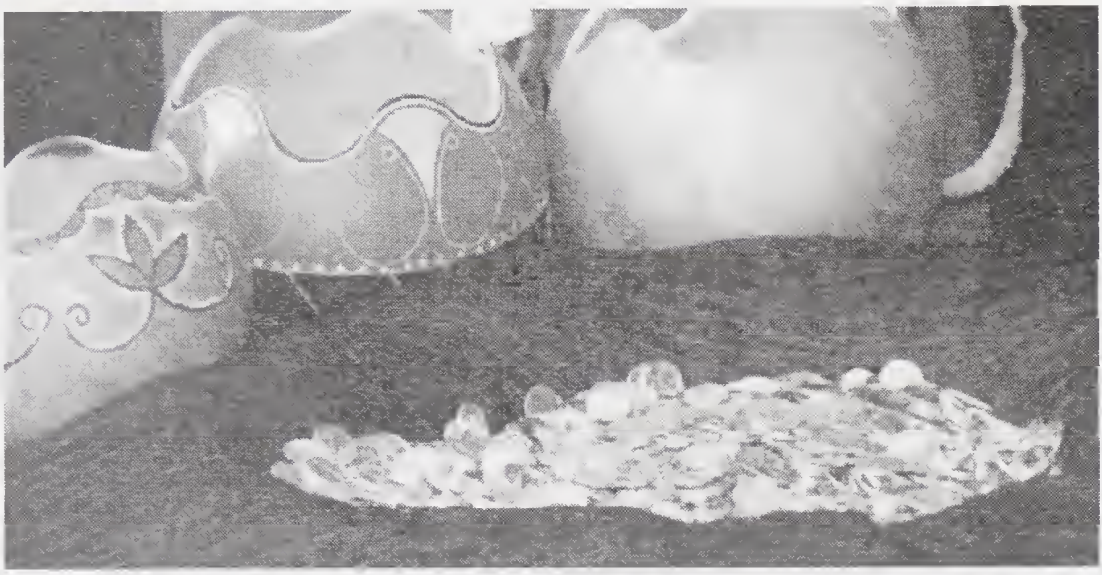
(Peace Pipe Reverse) was postponed twice.

by R. Hand Jr.

On March 25th 2011 the assembly of collectors and spectators was massive at the Plimoth Plantation inside the Bicultural Museum in Plymouth Mass. B.B. Craig Associate Director for sale and marketing United States Mint-Department of the Treasury with other speakers at the event including, Cheryl Andrews-Maltais, Chairwoman of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head; Cedric Cromwell, Chaiman of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe; and Jim Adams, Senior historian of the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of the American Indian, Introduced the 2011 Native American Dollar which celebrates the Wampanoag Treaty of 1621.



After the event if you were 18 of age or younger you received one of the new Sacagawea Native American dollar coin at no cost.



To my surprise both the Philadelphia & Denver mint coins were represented.

The other age group was able to buy up to 5 coins per pass the limited was raised to 10 coins then raised to 20 coins per pass thru the long line.

I was the last one in line and I persuaded the Rockland Trust who was handling the distribution to sell me a roll I scored one.

Then I went to the Plymouth Mass Post Office and had a stamp placed on the roll then canceled. Next I sent the roll to ANACS and received a pedigree label; I now have the only 25 coins that can be linked to the official Ceremony! The roll was a Denver Roll and the coins came back as MS64 & MS65.

Needless to say it was a "Great" day.

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- Annual Meeting 5:15 PM, July 30th
- "What is it?" Table
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- Exhibits
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National Coin Week

Story by R. Hand Jr.

Brockton Mass April 16th 2011 NCW celebration at the Main Library with a 100 plus in attendance it was a stimulating festivity!

We had two guest speakers Mr. Richard Balbalton of the Currency Club of New England did a slide show and talk on Civil War Currency & Mr. Dana Zaizer of The Collectors Club of Boston did a power point presentation on Civil War Tokens. Everyone who entered received a 6x9 envelope full of gifts, 2011p Andrew Johnson dollar, 2011 P&D Shield cent in 2x2's, a 2010 D shield cent with a planchet, a replica note used during the Civil War, Book Markers and a # 2 pencil from the U.S. Mint.

Linda M Balzotti the Mayor of Brockton Mass was unable to attend NCW. Mayor Balzotti attended last year like last year the Mayor issued a Proclamation for National Coin Week that was read by City

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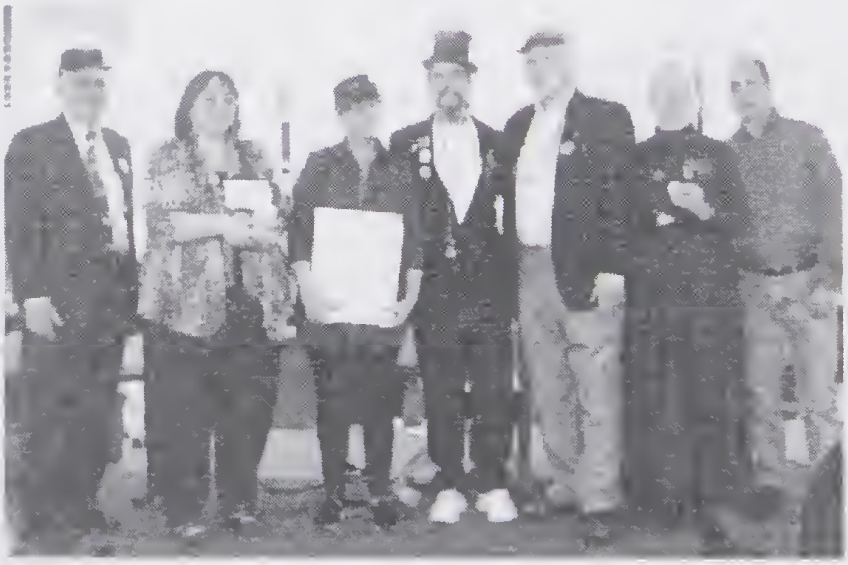
Councilor at Large Thomas Brophy & City Councilor at Large Jass Stewart.

Also the Massachusetts House of Representatives State Representative Christine Canavan delivered a NCW Resolution which is a fancy word for Proclamation.

From the day the proclamation & Resolution were issued the ANA and the Currency Club of New England, Boston Numismatic Society and the Collectors Club of Boston will be etched in to the History ledgers of the City and State forever.

"We also had a surprise visit from State Senator Thomas Kennedy".

At the end of the NCW celebration we passed out free raffle tickets for the bigger door prizes which were donated by awesome folks and company's L&C Coins, Littleton Coin Co, Scott Travers the U.S. Mint, Mr. Paul Hollis and dealers from the Bay State Coin Show in Boston. Plus Walpole Mass West Side Stamp and coin. Thank you to all who made a contribution!



(Left to right) Dana Zaizer & Sue McCormick holding a book bestowed to the library which were donated by L&C Coin Sue works in the children's section of the Brockton Main Library next to her is State Representative Christine Canavan who is holding the state NCW Resolution & Richard J Hand Jr., Richard Balbaton, Sherry Briggs (President of the BNS) and William Harkins (President of the CC of Boston & NENA)

A Call to Exhibit: The Need for More Exhibitors

One of the strengths of NENA in the past has not only been the numismatic bourse at the conventions but the education of fellow numismatists and the public through speakers, club meetings and exhibiting.

Exhibiting is a wonderful way of sharing, educating and imparting your knowledge to fellow numismatists and especially the public. The beauty of an exhibit can encourage others to collect similar material or may be attractive to people because of the numismatic knowledge people may learn. Exhibits can be competitive or Non-Competitive and set up not to compete but to show or impart numismatic information to the public.

Have you ever considered exhibiting? If you have questions I am sure the NENA board could help in answering them. There is always a need for exhibits and they truly complement a good numismatic show.

Traditionally NENA has provided the use of a display case if one is needed. An Application needs to be filled out letting the Exhibit Co-Ordinator (s) know the time of arrival one is going to set up the exhibit. All exhibitors have a deadline to fill out and send an application with the title and numismatic area of exhibiting, and the Exhibits have to be set up by a certain time so that cases can be locked and judged. An exhibit would consist of a title, numismatic items and usually but not necessarily numismatic information. Numismatic information usually enhances an exhibit especially if the exhibiting is to be competitive with judging.

In the past all exhibitors received a NENA uniface medal with the design of the current year or convention and sometimes engraved EXHIBITOR. This in itself is a nice NENA collectible.

Everyone has expertise in some collecting area, so if you are looking for a way to share this then exhibiting can be a wonderful way of doing it. NENA is always looking for people to set up and display an exhibit. If you have never set up an exhibit before notify NENA and we can help you. It is always a great learning experience.

For more information including rules and application see website (www.nenacoin.org) or request a hard copy by mail:
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EXHIBITORS
All Members of NENA in good standing and who submit a standard NENA exhibit application at least two (2) weeks prior to the conference date will be eligible to exhibit. NENA reserves the right to accept or reject any exhibit.

CATEGORIES
Categories are:

- United States Coins
- Foreign Coins
- Ancients (before 1300) and Medieval
- Paper Money
- Tokens and Medals
- Beauty
- Miscellaneous (items not covered by above)
- Junior (under age 18 [any material])

Exhibits are Competitive and Non-Competitive:
An Exhibitor may enter only one competitive exhibit. Non-Competitive exhibits will be accepted on a space-available basis at the discretion of the Exhibit Chairman. The Exhibitor will designate the exhibit category on the application; however, the Exhibit Chairman, after conferring with the Exhibitor, may transfer the exhibit to a different category.

SPACE
A non-competitive exhibit may comprise up to three (3) cases. Other conditions for competitive exhibits apply. No special locations, electrical connections, lights or special gimmicks will be permitted. NENA will provide supplemental lighting for all exhibits, if necessary.

MATERIAL
All material shall be the property of the Exhibitor. Exhibitors shall not violate any government regulation. Forged, spurious or counterfeit material in an exhibit for educational purposes shall be clearly identified as such.

SETUP/REMOVAL
Exhibits may be set up between 10am to 6pm on Friday, July 29th, and between 9am to 10am on Saturday, July 30th. Exhibits must be set up prior to 10 am on Saturday, July 30, 2011. Exhibits may not be removed until after awards presentation. Exhibits must be removed before 5pm on Saturday, July 30th. All materials shall be prepared, set up, and removed by the Exhibitor unless prior arrangements have been made, in writing, with the Exhibit Chairman, to appoint one person as agent for the purpose of set-up, removal, and acceptance of any award bestowed on the Exhibitor.

SECURITY
All Exhibitors will lock their cases in the presence of the Exhibit Chairman. Once the case is locked, it can not be opened by the Exhibitor until the exhibit is removed.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (Specify day, evening, or both): _____

I, the Exhibitor/Guardian/Agent, understand and agree to abide by the exhibit rules of the New England Numismatic Association which are incorporated herein by reference.
Signed: _____ Exhibitor Date: _____

Signed: _____ Parent/Guardian Date: _____

I, Exhibitor, hereby assign _____ as my agent to set up and remove my exhibit and to receive any award presented for my exhibit.
Signed: _____ Agent Date: _____

TITLE OF EXHIBIT: _____

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Do you want a NENA case for your exhibit? _____

Will you use your own case(s)? _____

If yes, outside dimensions: _____

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President's Comments

by William Harkins

Our 67th Convention and Annual Meeting, that was held in conjunction with the New Hampshire Coin and Currency Expo on July 30th, 2011 was a great success. The John Kittredge Young Numismatist program led by Jack Haroian and John Kiley was well attended. The program provided an informative and fun learning experience for the youngsters and their parents, with the children receiving coins and other numismatic prizes for answering questions relating to numismatics. This was followed by a free lunch consisting of pizza, fruit, juice or water for all of those in attendance.

Also highlighting the convention were the Exhibits that included seven competitive exhibits and three non-competitive exhibits. Congratulations to Sherry Briggs for her Best in Show Award and the People's Choice Award. I would like to congratulate Michael Valente who received the John Kittredge First Place YN Award and Christopher Ziegler who received the John Kittredge Second Place YN Award.

The Annual Meeting was well attended and started with pizza and soda for our members and guests with a short presentation by Bob Fritsch on The Mystery of the 1964 NENA MEDAL. This was followed by our business meeting which included the Treasurer's Report, the Exhibit

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Awards and the election of Officers. George Bilodeau presented the Exhibit Awards and thanked all of our exhibitors and Judges for their efforts.

The elections were held resulting in a change of leadership in several areas. Richard Ziegler stepped down from his position as Director, and accepted the position of Vice President. Steve Pearsall stepped down from his position as Director, and accepted the position of State Director of New Hampshire filling the seat that was held by Robert Fritsch. I would like to thank Robert Fritsch for his service to the Board.

I would like to congratulate our New England members who have recently received national recognition, including Robert Fritsch who was awarded the ANA's Medal of Merit during an awards ceremony at the ANA World's Fair of Money in Chicago on August 18th. Also Sherry Briggs who received the "Gloria Peters Literary Award" for her article titled The Penny, Coin of the Ages, Who is This Caesar. The article was published in Winning Ways the publication of Women in Numismatics.

We currently have several positions open including Director and State Director for Maine. We now meet via conference call to save on travel expenses and time and only meet about six times a year for an hour or so on Saturday mornings. If you wish to serve this Association, in any capacity please write to: NENA, P.O. Box 2061, Woburn, MA 01888 or visit us on our website at www.nenacoin.org .

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Simply the Strangest Type Set Ever?

by Mark Benvenuto

If you buy a proof or uncirculated set today, either direct from the Mint or from one of the many dealers at a NENA show, you're going to land a very attractive set covering a cent, five cent, dime, quarter, half dollar, and – today at least – several different dollar coins. While we consider this a year set, it's also fair to call it a type set of each circulating coin the Mint has to offer. But what if you wanted to look to the past and assemble the strangest type set you could? What would it be? Well, we can argue that a type set consisting of just five now-obsolete coins would make that set. The five are: a half-cent, a two cent piece, two different three cent pieces, and a twenty cent piece. All of them had their moment in the sun. all of them are no longer with us. And all of them make a person today wonder, if just a bit, just why the nation needed these coins in the past.

The half cent.

Of the five coins we've decided to put into this most unlikely type set, the 1/2 cent is

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the only one authorized in the original Mint Act of 1792. Trying to add one of the very first ones, dated 1793, to a type set might be a wallet-flattening experience, as there were only 35,334 of them minted, according to the official totals, and they are coveted collector items today. It might be easier to go to the other end of things, as it were, and see about one of the Braided Hair half cents, issued from 1840 – 1857. The 1851 and the 1853 were at least produced–to the tune of more than 100K each, making them an affordable piece today.

On the other hand, one unlikely place to look for half cents is in the Draped Bust series, issued from 1800 – 1808. In 1804 the Mint managed to break the one million mark, making that specific year a pretty common half cent, and a pretty affordable one today. As well, the Classic Head series, issued from 1809 – 1836, with plenty of missing years in the middle when none were produced, has a one million plus date, the 1809. Once again, that's a rather old half cent that could be added to a type set without too much outlay today.

The two cent piece.

This odd, little copper piece may get a wake-up call in the next decade or so, especially if a decision is finally made to abandon our one cent coin, based on the cost of various metals. Issued from 1864 to 1873, the two-cent piece series has enough common dates that adding one to a type set right now won't be too expensive. The 1864 has two varieties from which to choose, based on the size of the lettering in the motto. The large motto variety is, according to all the price guides, by far the cheaper of the two. But all the years up to and including 1871 are pretty common. A $50 outlay will definitely get you one attractive looking specimen.

The silver three cent piece.

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It was 1851 that saw the first examples of what is so far our nation's smallest silver coin, and with 5.4 million of them from which to choose, you won't have to spend too much to add one of these tiny pieces of silver to your type set. This is also the first of the coins we've focused on where you have the potential for a mint marked specimen. There is an 1851-O three cent piece, from the branch Mint down in New Orleans, which does cost a bit more than the 1851 from Philly, simply because there were only 720K of them made. For whatever reason, the folks at the Mint down in the Big East only produced silver, three cent pieces for that one year, making it a one-year possibility – but a good possibility for a type set.

The nickel three cent piece.

As if tiny, silver three cent pieces weren't enough, in 1865 the Mint got into the production of nickel three cent pieces as well. While these do look as if they are made of nickel, the actual composition is the same as the current five cent pieces we use today, meaning 25% nickel and 75% copper. Despite the alloy's composition, the coins never have a copper-colored tint to them.

This second type of three cent piece came roaring out of the Mint in 1865, to the tune of 11.3 million coins. From then on, it was a downward slide, with only a couple of speed bumps as the mintage of these little guys slipped over the edge into oblivion. The 1881 is the most prominent speed bump, with 1,077,000 coins minted, after nine consecutive years of sub-million production. That makes the 1881 a pretty common date today, and one that's easy to add to our strange type set.

The Seated Liberty twenty cent piece.

This odd denomination is often sought out for types sets made up of the Seated Liberty

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design, as it was only issued for four years, two of which were proofs only, and all of which sport Mr. Gobrecht's famous Seated Liberty design. By a long stretch, the most common of these'"not quite quarters" is the 1875-S, with a bit over 1.1 million of them produced. The runner up is the 1875-CC, with 133K to its tally, and that devilishly coveted 'CC' mint mark. If you want to add a twenty cent piece to any collection you are building, the 1875-S is the way to go, and the buy-in will be between $100 and $200 if you want a piece that is at least a reputable, circulated grade.

With all this now said and done, an astute reader will have noticed that we have produced our five winners without having touched upon a single denomination that is no longer with us that happens to be made of gold, meaning everything from the $2.50 quarter eagle to the big, fat, lovely double eagles. The reason for that is no mystery at all: they're gold! And right now, that means they are quite expensive.

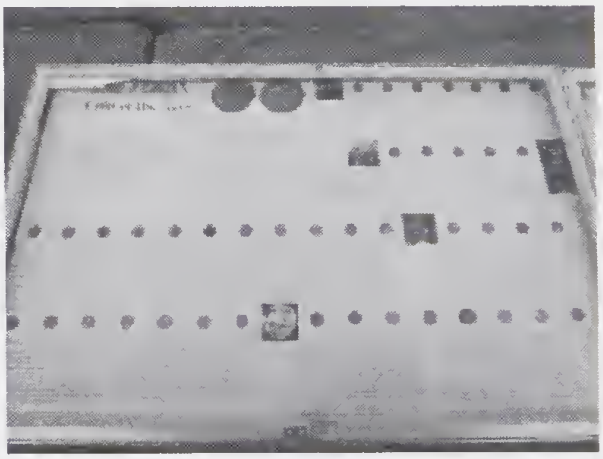
So, avoid the sticker shock of gold, and have fun seeing if you can assemble this strangest type set of United States coins. Good luck!

Winning Exhibitors

On July 30, 2011 in conjunction with the New England Coin and Currency Expo, the New England Numismatic Association had 10 exhibits comprising of 18 cases. There were seven competitive exhibits and three non-competitive exhibits that were educational for all.

The titles of the exhibits were as follows: Railroad and Trolley Car Stock Certificates; A Hollywood Tale; 1964 NENA Medal; The Penny: Coin of the Ages; Pulled from the Rubble: Coins recovered from Ground Zero; Cancelled Olympic Coin Die; Elongated Cents of Boston, 2011; Mint Errors and Die Varieties; U.S. Peace Dollars and Other Uses for our Coins,

Sherry Briggs won Best of Show with her exhibit titled, "The Penny: Coin of the Ages". She received an engraved pewter tray and 1/10 oz. Gold eagle. Sherry Briggs also won the People's Choice Award for the same Exhibit and received an engraved plaque with a NENA medal affixed to it and a 1 oz. Silver eagle.



Case 1 of 3 cases of Sherry Briggs' Exhibit

Michael Valente received the John Kittredge 1st, Place YN Award for his exhibit on Pulled from Rubble: Coins recovered from Ground Zero and received an engraved plaque with a NENA medal affixed to it and a 1 oz Silver Eagle. Christopher Ziegler received the John Kittredge 2nd Place YN Award for his exhibit on Elongated Cents of Boston,

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plaque with a NENA medal affixed to it.

All exhibitors received a pewter NENA medal with the NENA logo on one side and exhibitor engraved on the other side.

The committee would like to thank Ernie Botte of EBW Promotions for providing us with ample exhibit space and tables for our displays. We also wish to thank him for the donation of a one ounce Silver Eagle coin that was used for the People's Choice Award. The committee gratefully appreciated the time taken by the two judges to evaluate the exhibits and each judge was given a pewter NENA medal with NENA logo and engraved Judge on it.

The crowd of people really enjoyed the exhibits as they entered the show and confirmed this with praise and positive comments about the exhibits.

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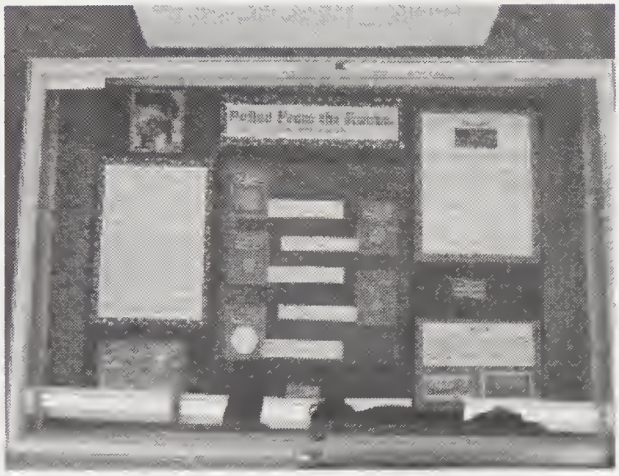

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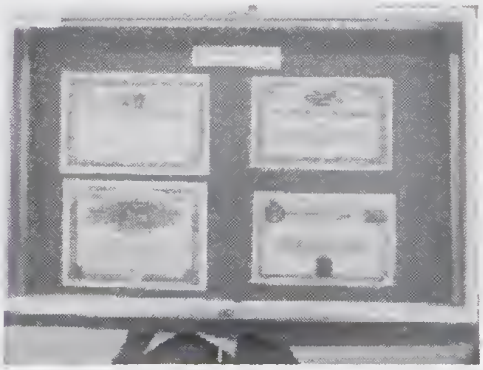

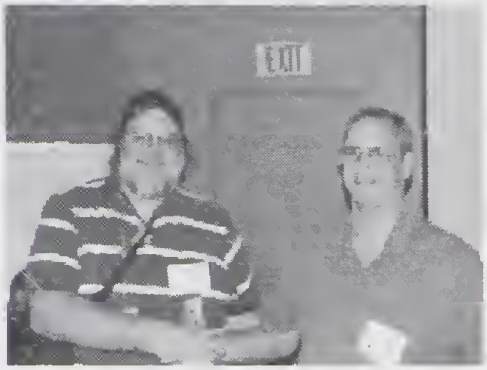

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